

REMARKS

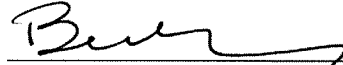
In the Non-Final Office Action, claims 1-16 were rejected and claims 22-26 were allowed. Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. With regard to claim 1, the Examiner finds the phrase “each of said means” to lack an antecedent basis. Applicant has amended claim 1 to overcome this rejection, and respectfully requests that this rejection to claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-8 be removed. Further, with regard to claim 9, the Examiner finds the preamble to be confusing and unclear as to what combination is to be regarded with the method claimed. Applicant has amended claim 9 to eliminate the combination and to incorporate structural language into the body of the claim to further clarify the method claimed. Applicant believes no new matter has been added. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that this rejection to claim 9 and its dependent claims 10-16 be removed.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-16, 22-26 are patentable and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as to claims 1-16 should be withdrawn. Favorable action and allowance of the Application, including all claims as now presented is respectfully requested.

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